

Appl. No. 10/677,998
Response Dated September 29, 2005
Reply to Communication of August 1, 2005

Amendments to the Drawings

Please replace Figure 5 with attached Figures 5A, 5B, 5C, and 5D.

Attachment: Four Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

The present amendment is intended to clearly place the case in condition for allowance. More specifically, the only claims that remain pending after this response are those that have been allowed or indicated as allowable.

The drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). The Office Action states that the rod lock, cable tie, cable seal, bolt seal, lead and wire seal, or combination thereof of claim 6 must be shown in the drawings. Applicant provides herewith Figures 5A, 5B, 5C, and 5D as substitutes for Figure 5 that show examples of a rod lock, cable tie, cable seal, bolt seal, lead and wire seal. These Figures do not add new matter and are exemplary of the claimed locks.

Claims 1–26 are pending before the present amendment. Claims 21–23 were previously withdrawn without prejudice. Claims 6–14 and 17 are allowed. Claims 3–5 and 24 stand objected to. Claims 1, 2, 15, 16, and 18–20 stand rejected. Claims 25 and 26 are subject to a restriction requirement and withdrawn by the Office Action.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge allowance of claims 6–14 and 17.

Claims 3 and 24 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4 and 5 are dependent from rewritten claim 3. Claims 1, 2, 15, 16, 18–23, 25, and 26 are canceled without prejudice.

This amendment is intended to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 3–14, 17, and 24 are pending after this amendment. All of these claims have been allowed or indicated as allowable.


If the present amendment does not place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to immediately contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss the possibility of an Examiner's Amendment to immediately place the case in condition for allowance.

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It is believed that there is no fee associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment. Should the Commissioner decide that any fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments